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Billy the Ba-lamb was a chearful Fellow, and all the Children were fond of him, wherefore Mrs. *Two-Shoes* made it a Rule, that those who behaved best should have *Will* home with them at Night to carry their Satchel or Basket at his Back, and bring it in the Morning. See what a fine Fellow he is, and how he trudges along.

C H A P. II.

A Scene of Distress in the School.

IT happened one Day, when Mrs. *Two-Shoes* was diverting the Children after Dinner, as she usually did with some innocent Games, or entertaining and instructive Stories, that a Man arrived with the melancholy News of *Sally Jones's* Father being
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thrown from his Horse, and thought past all Recovery; nay, the Messenger said, that he was seemingly dying when he came away. Poor *Sally* was greatly distressed, as indeed were all the School, for she dearly loved her Father, and Mrs. *Two-Shoes*, and all the Children dearly loved her. It is generally said, that we never know the real Value of our Parents or Friends till we have lost them; but poor *Sally* felt this by Affection, and her Mistress knew it by Experience. All the School were in Tears, and the messenger was obliged to return; but before he went, Mrs. *Two-Shoes*, unknown to the Children, ordered *Tom* Pidgeon to go home with the Man, and bring a Letter to inform her how Mr. *Jones* did. They set out together,
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